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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT A FORTHCOMING GRANT AWARD AND
FUTURE AWARDS AND/OR AMENDMENTS FROM FIRST 5 LOS ANGELES TO CONDUCT THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH SURVEY FOR THE ANTICIPATED PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2013
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Provide authorization to accept and implement a forthcoming grant award and future awards and/or amendments from First 5 Los Angeles to conduct the Los Angeles County Health Survey.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to accept and implement a forthcoming Grant Award (GA) from First 5 Los Angeles (First 5 LA), to conduct the Los Angeles County Health Survey (LACHS) for the anticipated period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, at an amount to be determined by First 5 LA, estimated not to exceed \$996,000, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the GA referenced above that extend the term through June 30, 2018, at amounts to be determined by First 5 LA; reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; adjust the term of the award through December 31, 2018; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each grant term's annual base amount, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DPH to accept a GA from First 5 LA to partially support the LACHS which gathers information on access to health care, health care utilization, health behaviors, health status, and perceptions around health-related issues in Los Angeles County (LAC).

Ongoing assessment of the health status of the population is a core function of DPH. The LACHS is DPH's primary vehicle for gathering information on a broad range of public health issues including access to care (e.g., insurance status, regular source of care, cost as barrier), utilization of preventive health services (e.g., mammography, Pap testing), health behaviors (e.g., fruit and vegetable consumption, physical activity, smoking, alcohol use), and demographic factors that are underlying determinants of health (e.g., race/ethnicity, income, education).

The LACHS has two components: 1) a survey of randomly selected, non-institutionalized adults; and 2) a survey of parents/guardians/adults of children under age 18 who live in the household and take primary responsibility for the health of the randomly selected child.

Each LACHS builds upon previous surveys and contains repeated items to maximize comparability between each time period, allowing DPH to track health issues over time and, given the large sample size, to also track data by Service Planning Area, Health District, and other large geographic regions. In addition, many items are added to each survey in order to capture emerging public health issues.

The LACHS data is used by DPH for program planning, evaluation, and quality improvement efforts. Additionally, it serves as a valuable information resource for other County departments, public agencies, academic institutions, and a range of other organizations throughout LAC (e.g. First 5 LA, various health care providers, etc.) and is broadly disseminated through published reports (e.g. Los Angeles Health briefs, the Key Indicators of Health by Service Planning Area, etc.), conference presentations, peer-reviewed manuscripts, DPH's website, and through customized data requests for users throughout LAC.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow DPH to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the forthcoming GA to extend and/or adjust the term of the award; reflect non-material revisions to terms and conditions; rollover unspent funds and/or redirect funds; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each grant term's annual base amount. This recommended action will enable DPH to accept future awards and/or amendments that adjust the project period up to six months beyond the original term, in those instances where there has been an unanticipated extension of the term to allow additional time to complete services and utilize grant funding. This authority is being requested to enhance DPH's efforts to expeditiously maximize grant revenue, consistent with Board Policy 4.070: Full Utilization of Grant Funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

DPH will accept a forthcoming GA from First 5 LA for the anticipated period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, at an amount to be determined by First 5 LA, estimated not to exceed \$996,000.

Upon receipt of the award, DPH will return to your Board for approval of an Appropriation Adjustment. Funding will be included in future fiscal years, as necessary.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Since 2002, First 5 LA has funded the LACHS in exchange for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of health-related data regarding LAC residents, particularly children, to improve the availability of high quality health information and to better serve local communities in improving the health status of their residents. After each survey cycle is completed (about every two years), DPH meets with First 5 LA to discuss ongoing data needs and solicits funding for the next LACHS. Once negotiations as to the timing and proposed methodology of the next LACHS have been completed, DPH submits a proposed budget and justification for funding to First 5 LA. First 5 LA conducts an internal review process of the proposal and the decision to fund the project is made by the First 5 LA Commissioners.

In addition to the activities described herein, DPH will conduct a solicitation within the next 12 months to be funded by First 5 LA. The solicitation will seek and secure a qualified survey research organization to conduct the LACHS.

The GA will be reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to accept funds from First 5 LA to conduct the LACHS and utilize the collected information to improve the health of LAC residents.

Respectfully submitted,



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